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GLOBE COFFEEHOUSE, HOTEL, & TAVERN, FLEET STREET—LONDON

M. ROWED, encouraged by the flattering support with which he has been honoured, since the above house was altered for the accommodation of Lodgers, begs leave to return his grateful thanks to those Gentlemen whose favour he has received, and to assure them and the Public, that he will not relax in those attentions and affidavits by which he hopes to have hitherto given general satisfaction. His Lodging Rooms are retired from the street, and fitted up with peculiar regard to cleanliness and general conveniences.

The situation of the house, being nearly in the centre of the united cities of London and Westminster, is peculiarly convenient to country Gentlemen.

Cheats, Societies, and individual Purchasers in the Lottery, are requested to compare the present Scheme with any that has gone before, and will find it unquestionably far superior—notwithstanding which, the Tickets and Shares are sold at a much lower rate than they have been for these twenty years past.

ENGLISH STATE LOTTERY, 1797.

Begins drawing February 26, 1798.

THE TICKETS, HALVES, QUARTERS, EIGHTHS, and SIXTEENTHS, are now selling in great variety of Numbers, and on the lowest terms,

The money for the Prizes paid on demand, by

HORNBY AND CO. STOCK-BROKERS,
At their old established State-Lottery Office, (incorporated pursuant to act of Parliament,) No. 26, Cornhill, opposite the Royal Exchange, London; also at Messrs Trewman and Sons, Exeter; and at Mr. Thomas's Billing's, Liverpool.

S C H E M E .

No. of Prizes.	Value of each.	Total Value.
4 of £1,000	£1,000	£4,000
1 - 20,000 First Drawn Blank 1st Day	20,000	20,000
1 - 20,000 First Drawn Dittos 2nd Day	20,000	20,000
3 - 10,000	30,000	30,000
1 - 10,000 First Drawn Blank 3rd Day	10,000	10,000
1 - 10,000 First Dittos 2nd Day	10,000	10,000
5,600	20,000	20,000
1 - 5,000 First Drawn Blank 4th Day	5,000	5,000
5 - 2,000	10,000	10,000
10 - 1,000	10,000	10,000
1 - 1,000 First drawn Blank	1,000	1,000
20 - 500	10,000	10,000
50 - 100	5,000	5,000
100 - 50	5,000	5,000
16,500 - 10	20,000	20,000
16,702 Prizes	164,000	164,000
38,298 Blank	1,500,000	1,500,000

55,000 Tickets.

Orders accompanied with good bills, payable at sight or a short date, will be punctually attended to.—And country correspondents are requested not to send money in their letters, but to procure the Postmaster orders on London. Letters (post-paid) duly answered, and Schemes gratis.

All Shares sold at this Office will be stamped, agreeable to act of Parliament, with the words "State Lottery Stamp Office."—Bank, India, and South Sea Stock, with their several Annuities, and all kinds of Government Securities bought and sold by Commission.

SALE OF WOOLLEN DRAPERY,

No. 23, OPPOSITE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE.

THIS DAY,

ROBERT MURDOCH opened for sale his Extensive Stock of WOOLLEN DRAPERY and MENS MERCERY GOODS.

IN GREAT VARIETY.

Superfine Cloths of the most Fashionable Colours.

BLACKS & NAVY BLUES.

Superfine Black, White, Coloured, and Mixed CASSIMERES.

Superior Double Mill'd Ones.

Excellent yard-wide Livery Cloths, Duffles, and Bath Coatings. Swandowns, Quiltings, and other Fancy GOODS FOR VESTS.

A large assortment of Velvetines, Cords, Thickets. FANCY CORDS and MANCHESTER GOODS in general, laid in at the old prices—which are now considerably on the advance.

As the property must be immediately turned into cash, the Public may depend on most Capital Bargains.

Purchasers from the county will find this advertisement well worth their attention.

DRY-DOCK, BUILDING DOCK, SMITHIES, & OTHER SUBJECTS IN NORTH LEITH, TO LET.

To be LET, for such a period as may be agreed on, not exceeding eight years, from the term of Whitsunday next,

THE following SUBJECTS, lately the property of the deceased Mr JOHN SIMZ, Shipbuilder in Leith, viz.

1. His large and commodious DRY DOCK, for Repairing Vessels.

2. His BUILDING DOCK.

3. The THREE SMITHIES, in the vicinity of the Docks, one of them used as a Nallery Smithy, and the other two at which Anchors and other large articles of iron work were made.

4. The DWELLING-HOUSE, lately possessed by Mr Sime, with the Area surrounding the same, and Office-houses thereto belonging.

All lying in North Leith, and at present in the occupation of Mr. Strachan and Gavin, shipbuilders.

The value of these subjects, and their commodious and eligible situation for an extensive business in the various branches of ship-building and repairing, and the iron manufactory, need not be pointed out, this being so generally known, and particularly to the inhabitants of Leith, who must well remember to what a great extent all these different branches of trade were carried on at these premises by the late Mr Sime.

Proposals for a lease of these subjects may be given in to Mr. Sime, writer to the signet, George's Square, Edinburgh, Mr. Sime's trustee, to whom application may be made for information as to further particulars.

ESSENCE OF PEPPERMINT,

PREPARED BY

WILLIAM DICK, Surgeon, DUNDEE.—

Peppermint is a native plant of Great Britain; it has a quick penetrating smell, a strong and warm taste, pungent like pepper, glowing upon the lips, and sinking as it were into the tongue. Little is requisite to be said as to its virtue, for since the beginning of this century, universal experience has established its character.—It is a medicine well adapted for all hysterical and nervous complaints, all choleric pains proceeding from wind, and peculiarly useful for the complaints that attend women in their early stage of pregnancy: It is a good pocket companion for all travellers by sea or land, giving relief in febrile fits, and restoring the debilitated stomach to its proper tone.

Mr Hay, writer to the signet, will treat with any person wishing to purchase by private bargain previous to the day of sale.

WESTMINSTER SOCIETY

FOR INSURANCE ON LIVES AND SURVIVORSHIPS,
AND GRANTING ANNUITIES,

Established 1793.

No. 429, STRAND—LONDON.

DIRECTORS.

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AMONG the many Institutions designed to benefit man-

kind, those too provide for Old Age, the Widow, and

Fatherless, have been thought most worthy attention; but,

from the formation or conduct of several, they have frequently

failed to produce the beneficial consequences intended, and have

occasionally indigence and disappointment.

This Society, considering the good arising from a well-arranged Plan, suited to every condition of persons, have established a capital sufficient to answer all demands, and offer establish-

ments which, they trust, will be considered properly advantageous to the Public, giving to the Society only such reasonable profits as are consistent with the stability of the Institution—the existence of which would be not only endangered by engaging in risks at inadequate rates, but inevitably produce its dissolution, and carry with it the dreadful effects its establishment is intended to guard against.

A person may, for a small annual premium, secure to his Widow, Sons, Daughters, or Dependents, a sum sufficient to keep them from the distress and poverty which his death might otherwise occasion, either by the insurance of a gross sum or an eventual annuity, or by any other mode more consonant to the wishes of the party.

The payment of a debt at the death of a debtor may be secured by a like premium.—Fines for the renewal of leases may be provided, by insuring the amount thereof on the life or lives of the person or persons at whose death such fines are payable.—One whose income depends on the life of another may have such income secured to him during his own life, after the other's decease.—And those who purchase employments or annuities depending on the lives of themselves or others, may secure the purchase money paid for the same, or equivalent annuities.

It has been much lamented, that persons willing to make provision for themselves, their families, or others, by the purchase of annuities, should be disengaged therefrom by insufficient security, irregular payments, and the heavy expenses incurred in effecting the business, which objections generally apply to most transactions of this nature.

This Society have therefore determined to grant annuities on the life or lives of one or more persons or persons, to commence immediately.—Or on the lives of parties from birth or any age, to commence at any remote period, to continue for the remainder of life, or for any certain number of years.—Or, in consideration of a principal sum paid down, or of an annual payment, optional to the party applying, to pay, at any given period of the life named, such a sum as may be agreed upon, either upon attaining the age of 21 years, or more or less than that age.

And they purpose carrying on their plan upon so fair and equitable a scale as they are confident cannot fail to secure general approbation.

For the accommodation of the Public, the Society have appointed ROBERT ALLAN, Banker, Edinburgh—and JOHN BUCHANAN jun. Merchant in Glasgow, their Agents, to whom application may be made, either for Insurances or Annuities, and by whom the Annuities will be paid, and printed proposals given out, so that persons not resident in London will have the satisfaction to transact their own business, without expense or trouble.

The Managers of the Westminster Insurances of Lives, as a further encouragement to the Public, have reduced their rates to very moderate terms.

The following are a few of the many cases to which it applies:

1. A person of the age of 20, by an annual payment of £1. 17s. 6d. during the continuance of his life, may secure, at his death, 1000l. to his widow or children, to his creditor, or to whomsoever he may chuse to assign the policy.

2. A person, A, aged 20, has a relation, B, dependent on him, aged 50, who might be left destitute in case of his predecessor's death. A may secure, for an annual payment of £1. 12s. 8d. during the joint lives of A and B, or give to any person to whom he may assign the policy, 1000l. in the event of A's predeceasing B.

3. A person wishes to assure 1000l. to himself, or his assigns, upon the death of either A or B, each aged 20. He may do so, upon paying an annual sum of 38l. 15s. 10d. during the joint lives of A and B—i.e. while A and B shall both continue in life.

4. A life not exceeding the age of 30 years may be insured for 100l. to be paid in case of death within one year, i.e. 14 1/2 years.

Within seven years, by paying annually, 2 1/2 d.

When the death shall happen, by paying annually, 2 1/2 d.

5. A man not exceeding 30 years of age, by paying an annual sum of 2l. 8s. 4d. may secure to his wife, not less than the age of 20 years, the sum of 100l. should the survivor live.

6. The lives of two persons, whose ages each do not exceed 35 years, being insured, the party insuring, paying annually 5l. 3s. 11d. will be entitled to 100l. on the death of either of them.

HOUSE IN GEORGE STREET.

To be LET, and entered to at Whitsunday next,

THE HOUSE in George Street, No. 3, near St Andrews Square, which belonged to the late Lord Macdonald, at present occupied by Mr Wauchop of Edmonstone. It consists of five floors, with stables, coach-house, and other suitable offices.

For particulars, apply at Mr Campbell's Chamber St James's Square, or to Mr Norie, painter, well Register Street.

CENTRAL SITUATION.

To be SOLD, by public roup, upon Wednesday the 31st January 1798, at two o'clock afternoon, within Elliot's Room, oppo-

site the Cross,

THAT HOUSE consisting of the two upper flats of No. 1.

Hanover Street, with four good cellars. It is most parti-

cularly well laid out for the accommodation of a family.

The two public rooms front Prince's Street, measure each 22 ft by 16.—To be seen every day from 12 to 2 o'clock.

Mr Hay, writer to the signet, will treat with any person

wishing to purchase by private bargain previous to the day of sale.

HOUSE IN CASTLE STREET.

To be SOLD by auction, within the Royal Exchange Coffee-house, upon Thursday the 8th day of February next, at two o'clock afternoon, and entered to at Whitsunday next,

THAT HOUSE, No. 4. North Castle Street, Edinburgh,

which was occupied by the late Mr Nairne, accountant.

It consists of the first and second floors, and funk storey, with

suitable cellar, &c. and is, in point of accommodation, ex-

ceeded by few houses of its size in the New Town.

AS ALSO,

either separately or along with the house, as officer may incline,

SALE OF OUTSTANDING DEBTS.
To be SOLD by auction, within the Royal Exchange Coffee-house, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 31st January 1798, at one o'clock P.M.

THE WHOLE OUTSTANDING DEBTS owing to the sequestrated estate of Peter Forrester merchant in Edinburgh, and the Companies in Edinburgh and Leith in which he was concerned; together with a liberal right to a house in Foulis's Close, Edinburgh, presently set at £100 yearly. The debts which (including a large debt due by F. and A. Forrester, and Co. St Petersburgh) amount to about £2,600. will be exposed in four separate lots, at very low upset prices.

Lists of the debts may be seen, and further particulars learned by applying to Robert Allan, accomptant, No. 5. North David's street, Edinburgh.

To the CREDITORS of
JOHN WATT and COMPANY, late Merchants in Edinburgh.

THE TRUST DIPLOMATS of the Company request the whole Creditors to attend, either personally or by some person properly authorized, a general Meeting to be held within the Warehouse lately possessed by the Company, at the foot of Heriot's Bridge, Grassmarket of Edinburgh, upon Monday the 3d day of February next, at one o'clock afternoon, when the trustees will lay before the creditors a state of the affairs under their management, and submit to their consideration matters of consequence to the general interest.

The trustees will be enabled by the 8th day of March next, to make a considerable dividend. But as several of the creditors have not yet lodged their grounds of debt, with affidavits upon the verity, the trustees request that these creditors will immediately lodge the same either with Mess. Vallance and Menelaws, at the warehouse, or with John Gray, writer Paterson's Court, otherwise they will not be included in the proposed dividend.

And as many debtors of the Company have neglected to make payment of the sums owing by them, they are hereby certified, that unless payment made either to Mr Vallance, or Mr Menelaws, at the warehouse in Heriot's Bridge, before the 8th of February next, actions will be immediately thereafter raised against them for enforcing payment.

Edinburgh, 15th January, 1798.

INTIMATION

To such as were Creditors of ARCHIBALD DRUMMOND, sometime in Chapel, now residing in Norristown, and comprehended in the sequestration of his estate, awarded by the Court of Session in the year 1777.

THE TRUSTS of the said ARCHIBALD DRUMMOND,

I and JOHN DRUMMOND his father deceased, having now sold the subjects conveyed to them, and converted the same into cash, George Forman in Blackfriars, the only survivor of the said trustees now in life, and John Rob, writer in Dunblane, his attorney for winding up the trust, do hereby require the said creditors, particularly the heirs and representatives of James Pearson, merchant in Dunblane, William Gilles, tenant in Sauchie, George McQueen in Tar of Ruskie, Patrick Stevenson and John Johnston, fletchers in Stirling, William Spittal, tenant in Island, John Monteath, merchant in Dunblane, William Mutcher in Kerse of Coldoch, William Somerville, Wright in Down, and John McNe in Burn of Cambus, all deceased; also Isaac Buchanan in Garfrarian, Donald Fisher in Ruskie, Robert Gillies, tenant in Sauchie, John Henderson, tenant in Ochtertyre, John Lennox, tenor in Thorthill, James McNe, fletcher there, Betty Muir in Norristown, John Hervey in Hill town of Cardross, Thomas Moir, carrier at Bridgend of Cardross, Peter Graham in Damfie of Ruskie, John McCulloch in Waller Bowphie, and James Thomson, bather in Ball Craggan, to lodge their claims and grounds of debt against the said Archibald Drummond, with John Burn, writer in Stirling, due for the trustees, and the forelaid John Rob, within the space of two months from the date hereof, to enable Mr Burn, at the expiry of that space, to prepare a slate and scheme of division of the said funds amongst the creditors complying with this requisition; certifying such of them as do not lodge their grounds of debt within the foreaid space, that they will be cut out and deprived of any share of the funds, and that they shall have no claim or recourse upon the trustees, or the said John Rob, in all time thereafter, as the funds will then be divided and paid among the creditors conforming hereto.

Signed, by order of the said George Forman, and John Rob, at Stirling the 11th January 1798 years, by JOHN BURN.

Not to be repeated.

MEETING OF CREDITORS.

MR GRAY OF CAESAR having appointed Trustees for the management of his affairs, the Trustees request a Meeting of Mr Gray's creditors, at Hunter's Inn, in Forfar, on Monday the 22d inst. at 12 o'clock, with their grounds of debt. Those who cannot attend, are desired to appoint some person to appear on their behalf.

FORFAR, 5th January 1798.

VILLAS

In the Neighbourhood of Edinburgh,
And other Subjects for Sale.

To be SOLD, within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 24th of January curr. at one o'clock afternoon.

THE VILLA of BROUGHTON PARK, lying on the north side, and in the immediate vicinity of Edinburgh; consisting of 3 acres, 2 rods, 37 falls, all well inclosed, at present occupied mostly in nursery.

Upon the premises are a commodious neat Mansion-house, Garden, and suitable offices, possessed by Andrew Leslie Feedsman in Edinburgh, the proprietor, besides a smaller dwelling-house, small garden, &c. occupied by a tenant.

II. The Property at PORTOBELLO, lying about three miles east from Edinburgh, upon the sea-shore, belonging to James Cunningham, writer in Edinburgh; consisting of 4 1/2 acres Scots acres, all well fenced with stone walls, and laid out in three separate inclosures surrounded with gardens, shrubbery, &c.

In the southermost inclosure adjoining to the Musselburgh road, there is a neat commodious dwelling-house. And in the north inclosure upon the sea side, there is also a neat dwelling-house, commonly known by the name of Portobello Tower, with proper offices, &c.

The premises are most particularly well adapted for bathing quarters, and may either be occupied in the manner they presently are, or converted into three separate villas, the middle inclosure affording a delightful situation for a house.

III. THE MANSION-HOUSE of Bridge Castle, in Linlithgowshire, and about 10 Scots acres of ground around it, all substantially inclosed, with a garden well stocked with choice old trees, and suitable offices, lying about five miles from Linlithgow, and two from Bathgate, upon the new road leading from Linlithgow to the new Glasgow road, which affords a most convenient access.

The Mansion-house is substantial, and would be a very comfortable residence for a genteel family, being large, surrounded by fine old trees, pleasantly situated upon a good troutting water, which passes under the garden wall, and in the centre of a sporting country.

Mr Leslie will the premises at Broughton Park;—and the servants at Portobello and Bridge Castle those there.

For further information, persons inclining to purchase, may apply to Donald McLauchlin, flesman in Edinburgh, trustee for the creditors of Mess. Leslie and Cunningham, or to Alexander Forsyth, writer in Edinburgh, in whose hands the articles of record and title deeds of the subjects may be seen.

VILLA IN WIGTONSHIRE TO BE SOLD.

To be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon the 24th day of February next, at one o'clock afternoon.

THE MANION-HOUSE, GARDENS, and OFFICES of

BALKAIL, with about Thirty two Acres of Ground. This is one of the neatest and most pleasant places in the county of Wigton. It lies hard by the village of Glencairn which is a post town, and upon the Great Road from London to Ireland by Port Patrick—is within half a mile of the sea, to which it has a fine opening, and as the surrounding country abounds with game, and the House and Offices being in complete repair, it would make a very desirable Hunting Seat.—There is some quantity of fine old Wood upon the property.

Also, a SUBSET of a LARGE FARM, which has 64 years to run of the principal lease.—A part of this Farm is out of lease at Whitunday 1798, when an advance of rent will be got, and the remainder is under lease for two years, at £200. per ann. when there is no doubt that it will rise considerably.—Upon this Farm there is an extensive Young Plantation, which will be very valuable in a few years, and which the tenant has the liberty of cutting. A Sublease of these Farms will either be sold along with the Villa, or separately, as purchasers incline.

The title-deeds, articles of roup, and a plan of the property, are in the hands of Robert Cathcart, W. S. who is empowered to conclude a private bargain previous to the day of sale;

BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

THURSDAY, JAN. 10.

The House met, and went through the Committee upon the Assessed Taxes bill, without any amendment, when the report was immediately received, and the bill ordered to be read a third time to-morrow.—Adjourned.

JANUARY 11.

The new assed tax bill was read a third time, and passed.

The LORD CHANCELLOR gave notice that he would to-morrow move, that there be laid before the House an account of the amount of assed taxes paid by Peers, in order to shew to what extent their Lordships should contribute under the new assed tax bill.

LORD CARRINGTON also gave notice, that he should to-morrow move, that an account of such voluntary contributions as might be made by their Lordships, be laid before the House.

LORD GRENVILLE then brought down a message from his Majesty, as follows :

" GEORGE REX.

" His Majesty thinks proper to acquaint the House, " that he has received various advices of preparations made, and measures taken in France, apparently in pursuance of a design openly professed of attempting an invasion of these kingdoms." His Majesty is firmly persuaded that by the zeal, courage, and exertions of his faithful people, struggling for every thing that is most dear to them, such an enterprise will terminate in the confusion and ruin of those who shall engage in it. But his Majesty, in his anxious concern for the welfare and safety of his people, feels it incumbent upon him to omit no precautions that may contribute, at so important a conjuncture, to the defence of these kingdoms. His Majesty, therefore, in pursuance of the acts of Parliament passed last session for augmenting the militia of these kingdoms, thinks it right to make this communication to the House, in order that he may be enabled to draw out and embody the Supplementary Militia, and to march them as occasion may require."

The message being read,

Lord GRENVILLE moved, That an humble address be presented to his Majesty, thanking him for his gracious message, and promising the determination of the House to adopt such efficacious measures as the exigencies of the times required.

This motion was put and agreed to nem. diff.

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

JANUARY 11.

Mr WILBERFORCE BIRD presented a petition from the watch and clockmakers of the city of Coventry, setting forth the distressed situation of the petitioners, from the operation of the act of last session, imposing a duty on clocks and watches, and praying for a repeal of the same.

Mr W. BIRD notified his intention to move, after the recess, for leave to bring in a bill for carrying into effect the prayer of the above petition.

Mr MAINWARING presented a petition of the same tenour and tendency, subscribed by 8000 clock and watchmakers, resident in London, Westminster, and Southwark.

The Hon. Member gave notice, that on the 9th February, which he understood was the second day of the recess, he should move for the appointment of a Committee to consider the various petitions that had been presented from the clock and watchmakers; and on the report of that Committee he should ground a motion for leave to bring in a bill for the repeal of the act.

It was stated, that as a notice for effecting the same object had been given, both could not be brought forward.

After some conversation, Mr W. Bird waved his notice in favour of Mr Mainwaring, whose plan was thought better calculated to carry the petitioners object into execution.

A petition was presented from Peter Moore, Esq. complaining of an undue election for the borough of Tewkesbury. Another to the same effect was presented from certain of the electors. Ordered to be taken into consideration on the 22d of February next.

The Committee of Supply and Ways and Means were deferred to the 7th of February next.

The time for receiving petitions for private bills was prolonged to Friday the 23d of February.

Mr DUNDAS presented a message from his Majesty, similar to that which appears in the Lords.

Mr Dundas moved, that an humble address should be presented to his Majesty for his most gracious communication, which was agreed to nem. con. Adjourned.

PROTEST AGAINST THE ASSESSED TAX-BILL.

Dissentient,

Because, we conceive that in the present circumstances no grant of money by Parliament can alone be sufficient to extricate the country from its alarming and critical situation.

When the exigencies of the State are such, as to demand large supplies from the people, our duty is not confined to the bare consideration of the necessity of the case, or the mode of levying the money.—We are not, from the preface of circumstances, and the approach of danger, hastily to concur in laying additional burthens on our fellow-subjects, without insuring to the public a wise application of the money so raised, and without due precautions for directing the efforts of the people to their only legitimate object, the benefit of the community.

A neglect of this, the most important of all Parliamentary duties, must produce, and in our opinions, it has already produced consequences the most fatal to the dignity of the nation, the stability of the Government, and the interests of the people.

In the unconditional compliance with the demands of the Executive Government again proposed as the remedy, we perceive the real and fatal source of the evil.

Year after year his Majesty's Ministers have grounded their application to Parliament upon the urgency of the occasion, and the extraordinary exigencies of the State. To satisfy their demands, to enable them to encounter the dangers, and remove the difficulties in which we were involved, every article of luxury or convenience have been taxed, the resources of the country have been exhausted, and sums unparalleled in history have been entrusted to their disposal; yet, year after

year, the occasion has become more urgent, the exigencies more pressing, the difficulties more alarming, and the dangers more immediate. The security of the nation has been shaken in the same proportion as the prosperity of the country has been impaired; external danger has kept pace with internal distress, and the exertions which have impoverished the people, and shaken our credit, have purchased nothing but the loss of national honour, the defection of allies, and the failure of every great object of the war.

If the whole force of Great Britain and Ireland, aided by grants, lavished beyond the example of the most improvident times, assisted by the most powerful monarchs of Europe, has proved insufficient in the hands of Ministers to secure the blessings of peace, or even to avert the present awful circumstances of the country, it seems inconsistent with reason to expect that the painful efforts of an empire, whose means are exhausted by taxation, whose spirits are damped by failure, and whose affections are in part alienated by oppression, can, without a single ally, under the direction of the same men, resist with effect, a powerful and exasperated enemy, elated with success, strengthened by conquest, and supported by the united powers of Holland and of Spain.

In this situation of affairs, to persevere in the system which has produced it, to confide in the Ministers who, with the aid of so many millions, have been unable to avert it, evinces, in our opinion, a total disregard of the common maxims of prudence, a wanton rejection of the lessons of experience, and a determined neglect of the most important of our Parliamentary duties. Under the persuasion, therefore, that the dangers with which we are now threatened, are the result of force, directed to objects at once impracticable and foreign to the interests of this country; that they are the necessary consequences of a misapplication of the public money, and the natural fruits of the incapacity and profusion of those to whom it has been improvidently entrusted, we deemed it our duty not to sanction any grant to the Executive Government until a pledge was given to the House, by the removal of his Majesty's Ministers, of a complete alteration in his Councils. We held it neither just to impose, nor reasonable to require any additional sacrifices from our fellow subjects, until some prospect was held out to the people of a reform of that House which had granted, and a censure of those Ministers who have lavished sums so enormous, without any benefit resulting to the community.

We thought that while his Majesty's affairs were conducted by those who originally engaged in this calamitous contest, and who can neither carry on war or negotiation with honour, advantage, or success, no grant of money by Parliament, no sacrifices on the part of the people, could afford a reasonable hope that the blessings of peace would be speedily restored, or permanently secured.

We imagine, that until some earnest effort was given of a radical alteration of the system of terror and coercion in Ireland, of the repeal of the two bills, the one entitled, "An act for the Safety and Preservation of his Majesty's person and Government against treasonable and seditious practices and attempts, and another entitled, "An act for the more effectually preventing Seditious Meetings and Assemblies," of economy in public expenditure, and diminution of the enormous patronage and influence of the Crown, we were not warranted in expecting that cheerful co-operation of the people, which being at once the indication and result of a reciprocal confidence between the Government and the governed, can only be restored by the restoration of the ancient and happy practices of a Constitution undisturbed by coercive laws—a Parliament speaking the sense of the people—and a Ministry dependent on the voice of the Parliament.

Because it appears to us that any attempt to raise the supplies within the year, in the present exhausted state of the country, must be attended with the greatest difficulty and danger.

Because were we to allow that the principle of raising the supplies by contribution, instead of loan, was just, wife, and expedient, yet under the present Ministers it would appear to us attended with the utmost danger, as the real expences of the year have generally exceeded by nearly one half their calculation; and thus any regulations for the equal distribution of the burthen which were adopted upon the first calculation, might be rendered ineffectual by subsequent and more extensive demands.

Because if the bill is intended as a tax upon expenditure, its retrospective operation is arbitrary and cruel in the extreme, and altogether repugnant to the usages of our ancestors, the faith of civilized governments, and the common dictates of humanity and justice. If it is intended as a tax upon income, in our opinion the criterion proposed is objectionable and inadequate; and, above all, as income is of various descriptions, sometimes arising from permanent and disposable capital, sometimes from precarious or temporary possessions, and sometimes from labour, talents, or industry, we deem any attempt to proportion the burthen to the income, in itself unjust, unequal, and impolitic. If it is intended as a tax upon property, neither in the original criterion, viz. the assed taxes of 1795, nor in the proposed relief, do we recognize any just principles of taxation, or perceive any fair or adequate method suggested for the impartial distribution of the burthen.

Because the relief proposed in the bill to those who may, by the increase of their assed taxes, be liable to pay more than the tenth of their income, requires a disclosure of their pecuniary circumstances, which is contrary to the customs and prejudices of Englishmen, and repugnant to the principles of the constitution; and which, to persons engaged in trade or commerce must be attended with still greater inconveniences than the payment of more than the tenth of their income. Furthermore, this regulation appears to us an indirect breach of the faith so often and so sacredly pledged to the stock-holder; for should the whole of the income of any individual claiming this relief consist in a dividend upon stock, a tenth of that income is immediately sacrificed, and the dividend, in violation of the faith of the Parliament and the nation, diminished one tenth by the intervention of Government.

Because the operation of this bill is not confined to a definite period of time, but by the most wanton violation of justice, remains in force till a certain sum is produced; thus exacting from the honest the deficiencies which may have been occasioned by accidental circumstances, by the designs or the distres of individuals, by the favour or the neglect of the collectors.

Wednesday,

London.

JANUARY 12.

The last of the Hamburg mails, that which became due on Wednesday, arrived on Thursday morning. The greatest part of the contents of it relates to the occupation of Mentz, which is stated in the Frankfort article to have taken place on the 30th ult.

The intelligence from Rastadt is dated on the 27th ult. Count Metternich had delivered in a note to the French Plenipotentiaries, remonstrating on the infraction of the line of neutrality, and on the occupation of Mentz; to which the French had returned no answer.

From the same place we learn, that the King of Prussia had communicated to the Northern Circle of the Empire, an assurance which he had received from the French, that they would attempt no expedition against the northern parts of Germany; the French Envoy had likewise repeated to the Deputies of several States of the Empire, that they would undertake no expedition against Hanover.

On Wednesday, at the levee, was presented to the King, by the Earl of Fife, Lord Perth, late Mr Drummond, who had the honour to kiss his Majesty's hand on being created a Baron.

On Wednesday, Lord Granville Leveson Gower, accompanied by Mr Frere, set out on his mission to Berlin, to congratulate the King of Prussia on his accession to the throne.

General

While the result of the negotiations at Rastadt, which is to decide the fate of the German empire, is expected with fear and anxiety by several of its members, our Electorate, as well as all the other countries situated within the line of neutrality, enjoy the most perfect tranquillity. His Prussian Majesty has not only notified to all the Princes and States, included within the said line, his firm resolution to persist in the beneficial plan hitherto pursued, but we have also received the most satisfactory intelligence respecting the intended invasion of this country, by which it appears that we have nothing to fear.

LLOYD's LIST, Jan. 12.

THE George, Frederick, from Tortola to Liverpool, is stranded near Saltcoats, in the Firth of Clyde. Part of the cargo is saved, and will be shipped for Liverpool. The —, Elders, from Hamburg to London, is returned to Hamburg, with damage. The Squirrel, Stanley, from Newfoundland to Poole, is taken by a French privateer, and carried into Bilbao. The Henry, Parker, from New York to Rotterdam, is lost in Helvoets Roads. The Young William, Halford, from the Baltic to Newcastle, was taken on the 20th of December by the Jason privateer. The Captain arrived at Leith.

The Robert, English, from Pittsburgh to London, is on shore on the island of Oland, and it is feared will be lost. The Hope, Orton; Trial, Bell; Sterling, Robinton; and Cotsford, Potts, from Pittsburgh to London; and the Marquis of Lorn, —, from Danzig to Firth of Forth, are taken by the Macaron privateer of 20 guns, and 150 men, and carried into Bergen.

The St Antonio de Padua, Paulowick, from Smyrna to Hamburg, taken by a French frigate and carried back to Smyrna, is condemned there.

The Castor, Wood, from Narva to Hull, is on shore on Brae Head, near Bornholm; the cargo saved.

The Favourite, —, of Yarmouth, from Yarmouth to the westward, which had been taken by the French, is retaken by the Nimble cutter, and carried to Dartmouth.

The Endeavour, Wood, from Newfoundland to England, sail ed in October, and is not arrived.

The Frede, Brusse, from Hamburg to London, is lost on Viggeland.

WINDS AT BEAL.

Jan. 9. N.E.—10. S.E.—11. S. by W.

MAILS.

Arrived, Ireland, 3.—Hamburg, 4.—Out, Ireland, 5.—Hamburg, 6.

STOCKS.

BANK STOCK	5 per cent. Ann.	697 70
3 per cent. cons.	47 2 2	7 2
4 per cent.	59 1 2	Short.

EXCHANGES, LONDON ON		
Hamburg	37 11 2 2 U	Dublin,
Lisbon	66 1	Bank-money,
Göteborg	66	—

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EDINBURGH—JANUARY 15.

HOUSE OF LORDS, January 12.

The royal assent was given by commission to the affected taxes bill, the supplementary militia enlisting bill, and several private bills.

LORD CHANCELLOR deferred his motion for an account of the affected taxes paid by their Lordships.—He found that the account could not at present be made up, as the Commissioners of taxes do not meet until the beginning of next month.—Adjourned to Tuesday 13th February.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, Jan. 12.

Mr Rose moved, that the House, on its rising, do adjourn to the 8th of February next.

Mr Heck presented a petition from the Clock and Watchmakers of the town and county of Leicester, against the watch tax. It was laid on the table.

An account of the sums paid in loans to the Emperor, in pursuance of two acts of Parliament.

An account of the proceeding of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, respecting the receipt and the expenditure of certain offices, since last session of Parliament.

This last account was ordered to be printed.

Adjourned to the 8th February.

The packets which brought the Hamburg mails experienced great danger; one of them, in the passage from Cuxhaven to Yarmouth, lost six seamen, washed overboard by the surge.

It is said, that the Executive Directory has refused to enter on any kind of negotiation with the Commissioners from America, now at Paris, unless 400,000 dollars are paid as a preliminary *doucier* for the honour of a conference. When the last accounts left Paris, the Commissioners had not been admitted to any public audience, though they have been there near two months.

Torre Del Greco, near Vesuvius, last destroyed in 1794, is again rebuilt; for the thirteenth time, the inhabitants having refuted a spot much more secure, which was offered them by his Majesty.

The House of Commons of Ireland, met on Tuesday last, and elected the Right Hon. JOHN FOSTER to be Speaker. He held the same office in the last Parliament.

Lady DUNBAR of Hempriggs, was safely delivered here of a son, on the 13th current.

Died at Turin, on the 10th curr. ALEXANDER WATSON, of Turin, in the 73d year of his age.

Died at Southampton, on the 9th inst. Major LOCKHART RUSSELL.

Died here, the 9th instant, Miss ALEXA BRUCE, youngest daughter of the late Mr Alexander Bruce, merchant, Edinburgh.

Mr DAVID BELL, overseer in the King's Stationary Warehouse, where he had been for upwards of forty years an useful and faithful servant, died here on Tuesday last.

Died here, on the 5th curr. Mr FRANCIS SHIELLS, baker in Edinburgh.

Last Thursday night, arrived at Walker's Hotel, Sir JOHN and Lady CHARLOTTE MENZIES from Castle Menzies; and General HAY of Rannas, with Capt. TAYLOR his Aid-de-Camp, from Aberdeen.

General Lord ADAM GORDON, and Lieutenant Colonel IMRIE, arrived at his Lordship's apartments at the Abbey, on Saturday last from the North.

The gold coinage now going on at the Mint, in the Tower, is the largest that has taken place for some time past; but no orders have yet been given for a silver coinage, on account of the price of bullion.

HIGHLAND SOCIETY OF SCOTLAND.

A General Meeting of this Society, agreeable to their Charter, was held in their Hall, South Bridge Street, on Tuesday last, when there was a very full and respectable attendance of the Members, Sir JAMES GRANT of Grant, Bart. one of the Vice Presidents in the Chair, in absence of the Duke of ARGYLE the President, by reason of indisposition; and, after a ballot, as required by the laws of the Society, the following were duly admitted Members, their names ordered to be recorded, and public notification of their election given, viz.

Right Hon. Lord John Campbell, second son of his Grace the Duke of Argyll.

Sir Archibald Grant of Monymusk, Bart.

Colonel Henry Mordaunt Claverley, of the West Highland Fencibles.

Colonel Simon Fraser, younger of Lovat, Member of Parliament for Inverness-shire,

George Ramay, Esq. younger of Barnton,

Colonel Donald McDonald, 55th regiment,

Major Simon McDonald, younger of Morar, 100th regiment,

Captain Angus McDonald of Milton,

Captain Alexander Grant of Madras Cavalry,

Walter Gilmore, Esq. of Craigmiller,

Alexander Gordon, Esq. younger of Culverian, advocate,

James Christie, Esq. of Durie,

Robert Trotter, Esq. of Cawlelaw, W. S.

Captain John Cameron, younger of Fallifern,

Alexander Frazer, Esq. younger of Gortudig, W. S.

Donald Frazer, Esq. writer to the signet,

John James Edmonstone, Esq. of Newtown, advocate,

Dr Robert Langlands, physician,

Patrick Nicolson, Esq. of Ardmore,

Lieut. Col. Joseph French, 102d regiment,

Lieut. Col. David Dewar, Royal Highland Edinburgh Volunteers,

Captain James Campbell of Dunroon,

Captain James Sinclair, younger of Forbs,

Robert Graham, Esq. writer to the signet,

Captain Simon Mackenzie, Royal Navy,

Thomas Cleghorn, Esq. coachmaker, Edinburgh,

John Home, Esq. of Redford,

Robert Menzies, Esq. writer to the signet,

Hector McNeil, Esq. of Canina,

Archibald Buchanan, Esq. Collector of the Customs, Campbelton,

Donald McLaine, of Jeansfield, Esq. merchant in Edinburgh.

And on motion, the Right Hon. Admiral Lord DUNCAN, was unanimously elected, with much applause, an Honorary Member of the Society, as a mark of the high sense it entertains of the very distinguished and important services, which his perseverance, skill and gallant conduct has rendered not only to this country, of which he is a native, but to the British Empire at large.

The meeting thereafter took under consideration, the different articles of business which had been before their Committee of Directors since the general meeting in June last, and approved of their continued exertions for the promotion and encouragement of those objects of public industry and improvement, to which the Society's attention has always been turned; and particularly such as are Members of this Society, a Treatise lately published by Mr Johnstone, land-surveyor on Elkington's Art of Draining, in which the author had been instructed by Mr Elkington, having been sent to England under the patronage of the Society for that purpose, many of the Members present who had read the book, bearing testimony to its merit and utility.

It also afforded much satisfaction to the meeting to find, that from the state of their funds, and the increasing number of respectable and public spirited Noblemen and Gentlemen from all quarters of the kingdom, giving aid and countenance to the laudable exertions of this patriotic Society, they would be enabled annually to augment the sum to be laid out by their Committee of Directors for the above, and other proper purposes.

On hearing HENRY MACKENZIE, Esq. from the Committee appointed at last General Meeting, "to take measures for elucidating and ascertaining the history and authenticity of the Poems of Ossian," on the progress made and information already obtained towards establishing the authenticity of these celebrated Poems, which reflect so much honour on the genius of Highlanders, and prove the energy of their ancient language, as well as manners; and after hearing Sir John Sinclair, Baronet, Mr Macleod Bannatyne, the Rev. Dr Kemp, and other Gentlemen on the subject, the Meeting voted the thanks of the Society to the Rev. Dr Hugh Blair, Professor of Belles Lettres and Rhetoric in the University of Edinburgh, the Rev. Dr Smith of Campbellton, George Chalmers, Esq. of the Office for Trade, London, the Rev. Mr Anderson, Minister of Kingussie, and the Rev. Mr MacLagan, Minister of Blair in Athol, for their very satisfactory and important communications on the subject of the Society's enquiry concerning the Poems of Ossian; and also to the Sub-Committee, and Mr Mackenzie their Chairman, for the great attention paid to this business; and the Meeting "Resolved to instruct their Committee of Directors, to continue the Sub-Committee for the investigation into the authenticity and history of the Poems of Ossian, and in general take every measure which to them shall appear most proper and effectual for the accomplishment of that object."

The Meeting recommended to the Committee who had prepared the bill "for the improvement of lands subject to the servitude of thirlage," a printed abstract of which was on the table, to confer with the Lord Advocate, and other Members of this Society who are in Parliament, and to request their attention to bring the bill before the Legislature, how soon the pressure of public business will admit.

The Meeting afterwards proceeded to the election of President, Vice Presidents, and other Officers of the Society for the current year, when the following Noblemen and Gentlemen were chosen, viz.

His Grace the Duke of ARGYLE re-elected President.

His Grace the Duke of Buccleugh,

The Right Hon. Earl of CASSILLIS,

The Right Hon. Earl of KINNOUL,

The Right Hon. Lord BALGOWAN,

William McDonald, Esq. Secretary.

Mr Alexander Keay, Auditor of Accounts.

Mr Lewis Gordon, Dap. Secretary and Collector.

Mr David Watson, Recorder and Clerk.

Besides a Committee of thirty Ordinary Directors, resident in Edinburgh, for managing the affairs of the Society, seven of whom are changed annually by rotation, the following ten Noblemen and Gentlemen, of which some are only occasionally in town, and cannot regularly attend the stated meetings, were elected Extraordinary Directors, viz.

Most Hon. the Marquis of Tweeddale,

The Right Hon. Earl of Moray,

Sir James Grant of Grant,

Patrick Grant, Esq. of Glengorm,

John Grant, Esq. of Glengorm,

ARGYLLSHIRE.

THE ESTATE of GLENFEOCHAN is to be Sold by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 17th day of January 1798, between the hours of two and three afternoon.

This Estate is worthy the attention of Gentlemen wishing to procure a pleasant and comfortable residence in the Highlands of Scotland, as few, if any, are to be met with possessed of equal advantages, both natural and acquired. It is situated on Lochfechan, an arm of the sea, near to the port of Oban, in the beautiful country of Lorn. The soil is excellent, and the farms in general extensive. The mansion-house is neat, and fit for a gentle family, having servants apartments, and a new court of offices, &c. in the highest order. There is an excellent garden, stocked with choice fruit trees, and the garden wall, gardener's house, &c. in good order. Also a thriving orchard, and extensive plantations, containing a variety of trees. The woods upon the estate are of considerable value, and there is the appearance of a valuable lead mine upon one of the farms.

The water of Fechan affords abundance of trout, and there is a Salmon Fishing, and the greatest variety of sea fish. The moors are the best in the country for game.

The free rent is about 450l. Sterling, the particulars of which, with a plan and measurement of the lands, may be seen by applying to Mr Keith, accountant, or Mr Ferrier, writer to the signet, Edinburgh, either of whom will give every other information desired, and will receive private offers for the purchase of the estate, betwixt the 1st and the day of sale.

SALE OF LANDS IN ROXBURGHSHIRE

To be exposed to public Sale, on Saturday the 17th of March 1798, in David Kyle's, Melrose, at one o'clock afternoon.

THE LANDS of CARTLEHOLE, in the parish of Melrose, and shire of Roxburgh, consisting of 125 English acres, all arable, pleasantly situated on the south bank of the Tweed.

The high road between the market towns of Melrose and Selkirk passes through the lands, about three miles distant from each, and renders it an eligible situation for a Villa.

A great part of the price may remain in the purchaser's hands.

For particulars apply to Mr Walter Turnbull, teacher in Melrose, who will show the lands, the progress of rents, and the articles of sale—to whom also offers in writing may be given, as he is empowered to conclude a private bargain before the day of sale.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC ROUNP,

Within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, on the 20th of March 1798, at one o'clock afternoon.

THE LANDS of SMITHYHILL, lying in the parish of Strickathro', and county of Forfar, within three miles of the town of Brechin, bounded on the south by the water of Cruck, and on the north by the West Water.

The lands consist of about 102 acres arable, of an excellent quality, and in a high state of cultivation, about eight acres of good pasture on the banks of the above waters, and there will be sold along with them, about 20 acres of improvable moor, of the adjoining lands of Muirtown.

The rent of the arable land and pasture, exclusive of the muir, is only 168l. but as the present tenant paid a considerable premium for an agreement to the lease, he sits at a rent of about 230l. and a still farther addition may be depended on at the expiry of the lease, which expires in 1800.

The tithes are valued and nearly exhausted, and including these the public burdens do not exceed 7l. sterling. The lands are to be held by Mr Turnbull of Muirtown, for a trifling feu-duty.

A considerable part of the price may remain for some time in the purchaser's hands, on proper security.

For further particulars, application may be made to Mr Turnbull, at Muirtown, by Brechin, who will show the lands, or to Alexander Crombie, advocate in Aberdeen, or John Morison, writer to the signet.

SALE OF LANDS IN STIRLING SHIRE, &c.

On Wednesday the 24th day of January 1798, between the hours of 6 and 7 afternoon, will be exposed to sale, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh.

THE LANDS and ESTATE of AIRTREY, situated partly in Stirlingshire, and in the two adjoining counties of Perth and Clackmannan, but all lying contiguous, and containing about 2423 Scots acres; the present free rent whereof, after deducting all public burdens, except the land-tax, is 2051l. 17s. 2d. 2-12ths Sterling.

The estate lies in the vicinity of the Royal Burgh and market town of Stirling, and near the banks of the river Forth; in itself one of the farms is bounded by that river. The country around is, for beauty, and richness of prospect, thought not inferior to any in Great Britain; and it is admitted, that this estate, in particular, is, in point of excellence of soil, variety of grounds, beauty of natural situation, and many local advantages, equal, if not superior, to any property that has been offered for sale these many years.

The mansion-house, which was built within these four years, on a plan of Mr Robert Adams, is large, elegant, and commodious. It stands on a pleasant rising ground of fine dry gravel, within three miles of Stirling, in a part of singular beauty, containing about 158 acres, completely inclosed with a high stone and lime wall; and on the south side of a hill, very finely wooded, commanding an extensive prospect of that beautiful country called the Castle of Stirling, and the river Forth nearly as far as Edinburgh. Under the bank where the house stands, in full view of it, and within the park, is a fine fleet of water, covering about 19 acres. There is also a large and convenient new court of offices, and a well stocked garden, containing about two acres, with hot-houses, &c. all in the best order, completely fenced by walls 4 feet high; likewise an orchard, containing nearly one acre, within walls of 2 feet high.

The timber on this estate is very valuable, many of the trees, especially those around the house, being very large, and fully grown, and the young plantations very thriving. There is lime-stone and rock marble in the grounds, and coal and lime are plenty in the neighbourhood, and very cheap. There is also a copper mine in the premises, in working which some thousand pounds have been expended, and is now let on terms very favourable for the proprietor.

For transporting timber, copper-ore, and the other produce of the estate, and importing heavy goods, the adjoining navigable river Forth, within a mile and a half of the mansion-house, is extremely commodious.

The house is 37 miles distant from Edinburgh, and 28 miles from Glasgow, to both of which cities there are exceeding good turnpike roads.

The leases of several of the farms have yet some years to run, but it is thought, by very good judges, that on the expiration of these, almost double the present rents may be depended on.

By far the greatest part of the lands hold banch of the Crown, and afford two freehold qualifications in the county of Stirling, and nearly one in the county of Perth.

In short, if any gentleman wishes to fix his residence in a rich, fertile, and cheap country, uncommonly beautiful, and on an estate where the mansion-house, offices, gardens, pleasure grounds, roads, &c. &c. are in complete good order, the subject now offered for sale is very well worthy of his attention.

A plan of the Estate and the grounds themselves, will be shown by John Stewart at Pendreich, near Airthrey, Mr Halldane's overseer, on sending to him the evening before, who will also show an estimate of all the wood on the estate, the value of which has been very exactly ascertained, and amounts to about 7000l. sterling. A plan of the mansion-house, a rental and measurement, and the title deeds of the estate, with a slate of the current leases, a fair calculation of the value of the estate, and the articles of sale, may be seen in the hands of Mr Duncan, writer to the signet, Edinburgh.

N. B. The above estate will be put up at L. 74,000 sterling, and for encouragement to the purchaser a great part of the price will be allowed to remain in his hands, on proper security, or accepted of by instalment, so as the whole may not be paid off in less than six years from Martinmas 1797.

The above sum of 74,000l. is not 25 years purchase, as formerly stated, but little more than 24 years purchase of the estimated annual value of the estate, after deducting the value of the current leases—to which sum is added 3000l. for the house, offices, &c. though within these seven years they cost the proprietor above 10,000l. and 7000l. for the timber; but in fixing the upset price, nothing is set down for the Copper Mine now working, nor for the Garden and some other grounds, including the Great Park, which garden and grounds are reckoned well worth 60l. per ann.

JUDICIAL SALE OF LANDS IN DUMFRIES-SHIRE.

To be exposed by public Sale by Auction, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, by authority of the Lords of Council and Session, on Wednesday the 17th day of January 1798, between the hours of five and six afternoon.

THE LANDS and ESTATE of WISEBY, comprehending the Farms of Wifey Mains, Turfrig, Graystones, Redmyrehead, Gillfaws, Dykehead, and Wifey Burnhead, with the whole House and Mottes thereto belonging, all lying in the parish of Kilpatrick-Fleming, Lordship and stewartry of Annandale, and shire of Dumfries.

The present rent, as ascertained in the process of sale, is as follows:

1. The rent of the lands in the natural possession of the bankrupt,	L. 215 19 9
2. The rents of lands payable on leases,	L. 125 17 0
3. The rents of small possessions	5 15 0
4. The yearly produce of the Mottes	5 0 0

Total Gross Rent, L. 349 11 9

Deductions for teind and feu duty, and school salary,

Total free rent L. 340 4 6 1-12

But as a certain part of the estate has been let by the bankrupt since the action of sale commenced, for four years, from Candlemas 1796, and as the process for setting aside this tack, is still in dependence, there is deduced on this account, as the difference between the proven rental of this part of the estate, and the rent payable by the said tack,

Total free rent in this view L. 306 16 11

Dr Andrew Coventry, Professor of Agriculture in the University of Edinburgh, having viewed the lands, has been requested to state his opinion of the rent and value of them in the form of a report. A report and valuation was accordingly given into process by the Doctor, in three separate views, and to which he made oath. By this valuation he estimates the yearly worth of the lands as follows:

1st View—Under the subtilizing leases, L. 413 18 6

2d View—Supposing the leases expired, L. 433 5 2

3d View—Supposing the leases expired, and lands re-divided by a different arrangement of the farms, L. 503 9 9

The witness adduced by the purser of the sale concur in valuing the lands at twenty-five years purchase, which, including the value of the Growing Timber on the estate, and of the Teinds, and holding the tack under challenge to be paid, is L. 878 16 6 1-12

Holding the tack not to be set aside, it is 7640 5 8 1-12 Upon the other hand, Dr Coventry values the lands under sale at twenty-nine years purchase, which in his first view of the rental, including the value of the growing timber, and the teinds, and deducing the proven deductions, is L. 12,189 6 7 7-12

The Court have struck the medium between these three values, and appointed the estate under sale to be exposed at the upper price of L. 952 16 3 2 12

The lands hold of the Crown, for payment of a feu-duty of 3s. 10d. 8-12ths, and are valued in the cens books at 200 merks Scots. The teinds are valued by a decree in 1738.

The estate lies within four miles of Ecclefechan, and about the same distance from Annan. It consists of about 676 acres statute measure, and is capable of very great improvement. There are several free stone quarries on the lands, and there is reason to believe that both lime stone and marble may be found in them. The mansion-house, which has been built within these few years, is fit for the accommodation of a gentle family, and the offices are suitable.

A great part of the estate lies along the river Kirtle, and the great road from Moffat to Carlisle runs through the lands. In short, a more desirable purchase, as to situation, and in the view of improvement, seldom occurs.

The title-deeds, leases, conditions of sale, and plan of the estate, are to be seen in the office of Alexander Ross, deputy clerk of Session; and application as to further particulars may be made to Roger Ayton, W. S. common agent in the sale, and William Laird, writer in Dumfries, judicial factor on the estate.—Copies of the abstract of the prepared lease, and of Dr Coventry's report, are in the hands of Mr Laird, and will be shown to any person willing to purchase.—Peter Bell, in Whiteby town, will show the estate.

As the appeal at Mr Irvine's instance has been dismissed, the sale will certainly proceed on the day above advertised.

COUNTY OF DURHAM, Parishes of Norham, near Berwick upon Tweed, 25th December 1797.

TO BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDERS, In Berwick upon Tweed, some time in the month of March next, of which previous notice will be given, in the following lots:

Lot I. ALL that FREEHOLD FARM, situated in the township of Horncliff Loanend, in the parish of Norham aforesaid, consisting of 213 acres, more or less, and now in the possession of Messrs Short & Riddle, and Thomson.

Lot II. All that FREEHOLD FARM, situated in the township of Horncliff Loanend aforesaid, consisting of 155 acres, more or less, and now in the possession of Messrs Nichol and Hunter.

N. B. The above Estates (comprised with others belonging to the Proprietor) pay the annual sum of four pounds four shillings to Sir Carnaby Haggerston, Bart. as a Castle-Guard Rent for Norham Castle, which will be proportioned to each farm, at the time of the sale; also pay tenpence halfpenny to the Vicar of Norham, as a modus, in lieu of Hay Tithe; all other Tithes are paid in kind.

The above Estates are pleasantly situated near the banks of the Tweed, and within three miles of Berwick, on the Great Road leading to Kelso, are all well inclosed, have suitable offices on each farm, and the owners and tenants have a right to dig stones, for the use of the farms, in a free-stone quarry, called Barking Cough Quarry, in the township of Horncliff, which is about one mile distant from the above premises.

A plan of the above Estates, with the rentals, may be seen, and any other information had, on application to Mr James Turnbull, attorney at law, Berwick upon Tweed.

SALE OF LANDS IN LANARKSHIRE.

To be Sold by Auction, within John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 31st day of January 1798, at one o'clock.

THE LANDS of EARDHOUSES, lying in the parish of Carnwath, consisting of about 500 acres, partly arable and partly good sheep pasture. The lands are out of lease L. 100, besides the public burdens, which are to no great amount. There is plenty of peats upon the ground, and lime can be had within two miles. One of the boundaries is a water, in which there are trout, and the lands abound with game of all kinds; they lie very near the great road from Edinburgh to Lanark, within two miles of Edinburgh, and they are four miles distant from Carnwath.

For further particulars apply to Joseph Cauvin, writer to the signet.

N. B. The house in Edinburgh, formerly advertised, is disposed of by private bargain.

A FARM & MILLSTONE QUARRY, TO LET.

THE FARM of BOGEND, in the parish of Bartram Shotts, lying about half way betwixt Edinburgh and Glasgow, road, and half a mile to the south of the new Bathgate and Airdrie road, and half a mile to the north of the Whitburn road. This farm consists of betwixt 140 and 150 acres of ground, about 60 acres of which are good arable ground of an excellent soil, 15 acres of rich meadow ground, and the remainder fine green hill pasture, affording excellent feed for black cattle or sheep.

There is a steading of farm houses on the farm, which, with the arable and meadow ground now in grass, may be entered to immediately; and the pasture ground may be entered to on the first of March next.

There is a MILLSTONE ROCK of excellent quality in the grounds, which has been wrought to great advantage, and will either be let along with the farm or separately.

The farm and quarry will be shown by And. Black, at Bogend, and for further particulars application may be made to Robert Hill, writer to the signet, north Charlotte Street, Edinburgh, or James Hill, writer in Glasgow.

The above sum of 74,000l. is not 25 years purchase, as formerly stated, but little more than 24 years purchase of the estimated annual value of the estate, after deducting the value of the current leases—to which sum is added 3000l. for the house, offices, &c. though within these seven years they cost the proprietor above 10,000l. and 7000l. for the timber; but in fixing the upset price, nothing is set down for the Copper Mine now working, nor for the Garden and some other grounds, including the Great Park, which garden and grounds are reckoned well worth 60l. per ann.

LANDS OF HYNDHOPE.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 21st February 1798, between the hours of two and three afternoon,

THE LANDS of HYNDHOPE, lying within the parish of Yarrow, and shire of Selkirk. These lands are delightfully situated on the banks of Ettrick; and there are several charming situations on them, either for a mansion-house or farm steading. They are well known to be a most capital sheep farm, capable of great improvement.

The purchaser may enter into the full possession at Whitunday first.

They afford a freehold qualification for the shire of Selkirk.

For particulars, apply to Mr John Lang, writer in Selkirk, or Mr A. Cunningham, No. 37, George Street, Edinburgh, or James Gibson, W. S. who will shew the title-deeds and articles of sale.

A private bargain may be made before the day of sale.

SALE OF ESTATES IN BERWICKSHIRE.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 7th of March 1798.—The roup to begin at two o'clock afternoon,

THE FOLLOWING LANDS AND ESTATES, v. 12.

imo, The LANDS and ESTATE of WHITSOMHILL, and SALMON FISHINGS thereto belonging, lying within the parishes of Whitsom and Ladykirk.

This estate consists of 1362 acres, and is presently possessed by nine tenants at the yearly rent of 1153l. 13s. 6d. The most material of the leases expire in the 180